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FernClan

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FernClan
The Clan of Proudness and fairness.

Leader: Flinch'Star (6/9 Lives)
Light Brown Tom With Darker Speckles.

Deputy: Fallen'feather- A large, furry she-cat that's mainly all black with a white muzzle.

Medicine cat: Shifted'Gaze- A pale, sleek, Orange Tom with a white muzzle and Darker Stripes.
Apprentice:Thrush'Paw

Warriors:
Pebble'Step- Dark Brown she-cat with lighter brown spots splattered on her.

Ash'Flight- Pale grey she-cat with darker grey swirls.

Keen'Eye- light yellow Tom with three tones of yellow on his forepaws.
Apprentice: Quick'Paw

Scattered'Sight- battle-wounded Fluffy black cat with white paws, Half-blind.

Washed'Soul- Sleek Grey blueish Tabby she-cat with dark grey paws and A long scar across her foreleg.
(About to move to the elder den)

Misted'Mind- grey Tom with a striped cape colors include: White,Dark grey, Light grey.
Apprentice: Spot'Paw

Juniper'Heart- fluffy Blue greyish colored She-Cat with Specks of

Black on her pelt.

Night'feather- Sleek dark grey Tom with white ears, muzzle, on the tip of the tail and paws.

Mint'Fur- Light yellow she-cat with light green eyes. White ears and tail.

Wave'Flower- fluffy Grey She-cat with Darker grey paws and dark blue eyes.

Apprentice: Aspen'Paw

Ripple'Tide- Sleek though muscular Brown Tom With Darker Brown Stripes and a white muzzle.

Wheat'Song- Fluffy Plump Pale brown she-cat with White speckles On her body.

Mellow'Heart- Light grey Tom with Darker grey splotches On him And a stubbed tail.

Apprentices:

Thrush'Paw- A large Tan She-cat With White Paws and tail and a short muzzle.

Aspen'Paw- Fluffy Orange-yellowish Tom With Darker yellow stripes and Small ears.

Spot'Paw- Small Sleek White Tom With Tiny Grey spots around his body.

Quick'Paw- broad blue greyish She-Cat With White Paws and a long muzzle.

Queens:

Sweet'Eyes- Fluffy pale She-Cat with darker brown stripes.(Kits: Red'Kit and Owl'Kit)

Whisp'Heart- Sleek White She-cat with grey stripes and paws. (Kit: Faded'kit)

Elders:

Winded'Sight- White Tom-Cat With scraped fur. Fully Blind.

Birch'Pelt- Very light Grey Tom With one ear and black speckles on his body.

Chapter One

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"Look, Faded'kit Is awake!"

Faded'kit woke up sleepily, Glancing around the nursery without rotating his head. Suddenly he felt himself being pushed Into something soft.
He squirmed around looking to see who was doing that, It was his mother Whisp'Heart. "Now, now. Your ok." She said In a soft tone.
Faded'kit Squeaked and then squirming to get out of his mother's grasp.

"No Faded'kit, you must stay by my side for now." His mother Mewed In a firm voice this time.
Faded'kit Is my name?
He Scrambled back to his mother and hid under her bushy tail. He'd let out a soft purr with also being overwhelmed by the warmth of his mother's fur.

Suddenly he heard Paw steps approaching.

"Hello Whisp'Heart!" This was a cat that Faded'kit never knew.
"Hello Ash'Flight, Came to see my new kit?" Whisp'Heart said proudly.
Their name is Ash'Flight?

Just then Faded'kit poked his head out to take a good look at Ash'Flight.
She was a young she-cat, tidy fur and very pretty.
"Well how adorable Is he!" She said In a sweet tone.
"I know Right, One day he will be a warrior that FernClan will be proud of." His mother meowed still having the proud tone In her voice.

"Of course. When we were just apprentices, you always told me how good you would take care of your kits and how you would be so proud of them!" Ash'Flight Mewed sounding sarcastic.

Whisp'Heart's fur fluffed up In embarrassment, Then settled back down.

The Two cats stopped talking for a minute and just stared at each other.

Finally Whisp'Heart broke the silence.
"I just hope that he won't end up like Speckled'Frost." She said almost whispering to herself.
... "We all know that Speckled'Frost Is gone, there Is nothing to worry about." Ash'Flight said In a firm voice.

What Whisp'Heart said next made Faded'kit jump.

"But he Isn't dead! What If he comes back and kills my poor kit!" She wrapped her tail around Faded'kit protectively. She continued... "Or even worse! Faded'kit will end up like him and destroy us all!" She said, almost crying out like she needed help.
"Don't be so mouse-brained we know he's not going to end up like that." Ash'Flight Mewed trying to sound comforting.

"Just leave me be for now, I need some time alone." Whisp'Heart said.
Ash'Flight obeyed and padded away.
"Now you..." mother fixed her gaze on Faded'kit. "Stay here, I'm going for a walk." She growled.
Without waiting for an answer she stormed out of the nursery.

I'm confused, Who Is this Speckled'Frost they are talking about?

She was left with only Sweet'Eyes and Red'Kit Sleeping at the back of the nursery.

Chapter Two

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Three moons had passed since Ash'Flight's visit.

Faded'kit and Owl'Kit have grown to be good friends, they hangout with each other very frequently.
"Hey..." Owl'Kit started to say, "Who do you think will be our mentors when we are apprentices?" She flicked her tail, waiting for Faded'kit's answer.

"I don't know... But I really hope that I get Pebble'Step she's so popular!" Faded'kit replied.
"Well I really hope I get Mint'Fur she is very nice. I don't care about popularity" Owl'Kit boasted.
"Oh well, we have different feelings for different cats." Faded'kit shrugged.

"You'll get whatever mentor
Flinch'Star assigns you." A voice behind them took both of the kits by surprise.
Turning around, Faded'kit Just realized it was Sweet'Eyes who was talking.
"But I want Mint'fur-" Owl'Kit complained
"And I want Pebble'Step!" Faded'kit Joining In.
"Your not always going to get the mentor you want-" Sweet'Eyes Meowed, Then flicked her tail towards the elder's den. "I wasn't very Lucky, I got Winded'Sight As a mentor." She said with a tiny chuckle.

"Wow! What did he make you do?" Faded'kit Mewed clearly interested.
"Let's see..." Sweet'Eyes started. "He made me Clear out the elder's nest, go on at least two border patrols, Join a hunting patrol once...." She started to list off all these things. Faded'kit and Owl'Kit both listened very closely.

Then She ended with "All In one day."

"Wowie, we're you tired after?" Owl'Kit Looked at her with curiosity.
"Oh yes, Once I got to my den I basically passed out." Sweet'Eyes Meowed then sighed.
Then she continued... "But I'm sure you're never going to get a mentor like Winded'Sight, mostly all the cats here are pretty kind." She said softly.

"I'm sure I'll get a better mentor than you!" Owl'Kit joked.
"Oh really..." Faded'kit Squeaked As he flicked his tail.
"Mhm." Owl'Kit nodded.
"We will see about that!" Faded'kit said firmly. Turning his back from Owl' kit and purposely smacking her face with his tail.
"Now don't be rude Faded'kit." Sweet'Eyes Meowed.
"Sorry..." Faded'kit Squeaked And then turned to Owl'Kit.

"How about we-" Faded'kit was disrupted by pounding paw steps.

He scented the border patrol was back And wandered to greet his father.

But he was stopped by Sweet'Eyes flicking a warning to him.
He could smell fear scent in the border patrol.
Something was wrong.

All of the border patrol cats bounded into the camp
All very tired Of running.
Flinch'Star padded up to them asking what happened.

When one of them got their breath back he answered in...

"Speckled'Frost! He's back, and he's definitely not alone!"

Chapter Three

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All Of Faded'kit's Clanmates Started to panic.

Suddenly Sweet'Eyes Grabbed Owl'kit by the scruff and flicked her tail indicating that Faded'kit should follow.
They raced back Into the nursery hid In the very back and Sweet'Eyes Wrapped her tail around the two kits.

Faded'kit could hear Fallen'feather calling out patrols to fight.
"Wait, where Is Red'Kit!?" He could hear the Panic In Sweet'Eyes voice.
She stood up and Quickly Instructed The two kits.
"Stay here, I'm going to look for Red'Kit."
She dashed off without any hesitation.
Both the kits were left unguarded...

Suddenly, the clearing filled with a unpleasant scent...Rouges!

Rouges had broken Into the camp, But both Owl'Kit or Faded'kit didn't Know what to do.
"Come on let's hide In the brambles!"
Owl'Kit said already bolting towards them.
Faded'kit was close behind, crouching so they wouldn't be seen.

A few minutes had gone by...

Finally Red'Kit scampered Into the nursery, confused on why no cat was there.
"Hey Red'Kit over here!" Faded'kit stuck his head out so Red'Kit could see where they were.
Once Red'Kit saw Faded'kit sticking his head out of the brambles he bolted towards them crouching In the same position.
Faded'kit Then stuck his head down.
"Where Is mama Red'Kit?" Owl'Kit Squeaked.
"I don't know, the last time I saw her she told me to run here!" Red'Kit Mewed clearly tired of the running.

Just outside A FernClan warrior yelled "Their heading for the nursery!"

Faded'kit and the others Tried to back away Inside of the bramble so they wouldn't get seen.
Anxiety was building up In the three of them, they waited for the Rouges to show up.

A Rouges had burst Into the nursery but glady not seeing the kits at first glance.
Keen'eye Bolted after the rouge, Slashing It's back with one blow.
The rouge screeched In pain and ran out of there as fast as a jackrabbit.

"And don't come back!" Keen'eye hissed.

But Just then A few more Rouges bursted In, one of them aiming a scratch at Keen'eye.
Keen'eye hissed In pain but wouldn't back down.
"We've got to do something!" Faded'Kit whispered.
"Are you mouse-Brained, We would kill ourselves!"
Red'Kit hissed surprised by the Idea.

But Faded'Kit wouldn't let the warrior die, he sprang out of the brambles and aimed for one of the rouges neck with a bite.
Successfully Faded'Kit bit down on the rouges neck, his teeth clinging on until blood was gushing out.
Faded'Kit then let go of his grip and scrambled to stand besides Keen'eye.
The rouge dashed out Letting out a screech of terror and pain.

Two rouges left...

Keen'eye had seen the little kit attack the rouge and gave a warning glance to him.
But Faded'Kit didn't look at him but was focused on the rouges.
"Get outta here!" Faded'Kit squeaked trying to look ferocious.
"Ha! What does a mouse brained ki-"
He was interrupted by Keen'eye clawing the rouge's head.

"Rouges! Retreat, Retreat!"

One of the rouges shot a warning glance at Keen'eye then said, "I'll get you another day!" Then Raced away, The other following closely behind.

Faded'Kit was about to celebrate FernClan's victory untill a crying sound came outside of the den.

"Sweet'Eyes Is dead!"

Chapter Four

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"What?..." Owl'Kit mewed.
Both Red'Kit and Owl'Kit we're scrambling out of the bushes.
Mint'fur padded up to Red'Kit and Owl'Kit and flicked her tail wanting them to follow. Faded'Kit Followed Close behind though not Invited.
Faded'Kit couldn't believe what he saw...

Sweet'Eyes motionless body, no life was in her eyes.
She had a big slash on her back and many other major injuries, she died in the rogue attack.

Owl'Kit and Red'Kit we're in equal shock, not knowing what to do. Once they realized what was going on, they both padded up to her and started to mourn the loss of their mother.

**** No...This can't be true...* Faded'Kit thought.***

"We all have to realize It, Sweet'Eyes Is dead." Mint'fur was afraid to admit.
Some other cats padded up to speak their final words to her. But Owl'Kit and Red'Kit stayed with her until it was time to bury her.
Faded'Kit padded up to Shifted'Gaze FernClan's medicine cat, "Why couldn't you save her?" He mewed quietly.

"I did everything I could, medicine cats can't save everyone." Shifted'Gaze said, knowing how heartbroken Faded'Kit was.
"But she's dead! You didn't save her, you just don't care about her!" Faded'Kit squeaked angry as ever.
Before the old medicine cat could reply back, he stormed of back Into the clearing.
"Flinch'Star lost a life." Misted'Mind whispered to Washed'Soul, though Faded'Kit could hear.

Whisp'Heart was trotting Into the entrance of the camp, Her eyes full of sorrow.

She padded up to Red'Kit and Owl'Kit to try and comfort them.

Faded'Kit's mouth was stained with blood from biting the rouge.

So he decided to head to the watering hole to wash it off. As he was walking over there the memory of biting that rouge replayed In his head, shocked as how much damage It did to the rouge. He felt...
Satisfied.
He fought the rouge with confidence and bravery, he felt proud.

Once he was done he padded over to the nursery and sat down for a minute.
Just then, Flinch'Star limped up onto the oak called a meeting.
"Let all cats that are old enough to catch prey stand beneath the Badger'Oak!"
Soon enough cats starting gathering amongst Flinch'Star.

Faded'kit had just watched from the nursery exactly knowing what Flinch'Star was going to say.
He had waited for the cats to settle down before speaking
"Today In a unexpected rouge attack
we have lost a queen that had been to young to die." His voice cracked a little bit, he sighed before continuing.
"She fought bravely In the rouge attack and died protecting what she loved."
There was a silence that cased upon the clan before Flinch'Star continued speaking.
"May she safely make her way to StarClan. We will never forget the bravery Sweet'Eyes showed us In the rouge attack." He ended

I'll never forget you Sweet'Eyes!
Faded'kit had thought.

Just then he saw a faint outline of a cat In the entrance of the camp.

I know that's you Sweet'Eyes! You can see me now! I'll be the best warrior Fern'Clan had ever seen!

Chapter Five

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3 more moons had passed...

"Faded'Kit, you have reached the age of six moons. It now time for you to be apprenticed."
Faded'Kit puffed out his chest with pride, while his mother Whisp'Heart
Purred softly with delight.

"From this day on, until you receive your warrior name you will be known as Faded'Paw"
Flinch'Star attention fixed on Faded'Paw pausing shortly before continuing.

"Your mentor will be Ash'Flight."
He turned his head to her.
"You are a empathetic and clever cat Ash'Flight and ready for your second apprentice. I expect you to pass your skills onto Faded'Paw as you did Mint'Fur."
He Meowed sternly resting His gaze on Ash'Flight.

"I promise I'll teach him all I know for him to become a excellent warrior."
She said with her tail lifting high.
Ash'Flight padded up to Faded'Paw and touched noses with him.

"Faded'Paw!"
"Faded'Paw!"
"Faded'Paw!"

The clan cheered his new name, he was overwhelmed by the support of the clan but cheerful now that he was an apprentice. His Clanmates started padded up to him and congratulating him on his apprentice name.

After everything was settled down Ash'Flight padded up to him

Telling him that they would start with some battle practice later.
"I don't need any!" Faded'Paw boasted. "When I was a kit, I bit down on a rouge so hard that he screeched In terror and ran away!" He said with a touch of sass.
"That was only because you did a sneak attack on that rouge, You were lucky to get a grip on them."
Keen'eye padded up to them and caught Faded'Paw by surprise.

"And we don't need reminders of the rouge attack Faded'Paw." He mumbled with a stern look on his face.
Faded'Paw sighed, "Sorry Keen'eye, I didn't want to bring that back up but I was proud of myself
About that." He apologized meaning It.
"It's good to see you have self-confidence Faded'Paw, A good warrior always has It." Ash'Flight said obviously trying to comfort him.
"Well don't have too much of It, Or else that's going to get you In much trouble." Keen'eye put In, Then he stalked away.

"Nevermind him Faded'Paw, He was never good with young cats like you." Ash'Flight said softly.
"I'm sure that you have excellent battle skills already, You want to be a great warrior right?" She added In.
Faded'Paw lifted up His head, "Of course! I will be the best Warrior In Fern'clan!" He said proudly.
"That's the spirit! Now head off to your den and get some rest before we start training!" Ash'Flight said flicking her tail.
"Ok!" Faded'Paw said as he dashed off towards the apprentice den.

Faded'Paw peeked towards to entrance of the apprentice den and saw Red'Paw eating a mouse.
Red'Paw saw Faded'Paw then said, "Oh! Hi Faded'Paw! Owl'Paw already made you a nest over there."
Flicking His tail towards the back of the den.
"Thanks." Faded'Paw said simply, Then padded over and curled up Into a little fluffball.

I'm so excited for training! He thought.

Then slowly he became drowsy and fell asleep.

Chapter Six

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Faded'Paw woke up to a paw nudging His pelt, Faded'Paw slowly opened his eyes to see who was walking him.

Owl'Paw.

"Faded'Paw! It's time for training, wake up!" Owl'Paw meowed impatiently.
"Alright..." He yawned, then stretched observing the den.
Most of the apprentices that were here when they were kits had already earned their warrior names. Except Spot'Paw, who only had a few more days until he was a warrior.

After that, he padded out of the den.
A couple fox-tails away was Ash'Flight awaiting for him.
"You finally woke up! I thought you would sleep for a moon!" Ash'Flight joked. Ignoring the comment, Faded'Paw drowsily padded up to her.
"What are we going to learn today?" He asked.

"I'm going to show you around the territory." Ash'Flight announced.
"Really? Then let's go!" Faded'Paw declared. Then he skipped towards the entrance, glancing back to see If his mentor followed.
"Wait for me!" Ash'Flight exclaimed. She had walked towards him, matching the same pace as him.

Once they were strolling out of the camp, Ash'Flight took the lead. Faded'Paw had never felt this free before. He could see ahead of him a small open pit area with A bunch of moss scattered In it. Once they reached It, Ash'Flight said "This Is the Mossy Pit, a very boring name I know." With a chuckle In her voice. "Apprentices usually learn how to collect moss and how to separate moss evenly here." she continued. Faded'Paw observed the area, Why was moss so important for it to have it's own area?

"Why Is moss so important that learning about It Is one of the things

about warrior training?" He asked tilting his head. "It seems like a useless skill, but learning this as a skill It can be useful for nests to make sure the perfect moss is put In." Ash'Flight explained. "And so the elders will like you more." she added in quietly. Faded'Paw laughed out loud, It was true that bedding was a big thing for the elders.

"Let's continue shall we?" Ash'Flight said.

(To be continued.)

BONUS: Design of Faded'Paw!

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(He looks very different from the cat on the cover.) Oh well. :\